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RUSSIAN IN UNITED STATES ON STUDENT VISA PLEADS GUILTY TO TAX FRAUD

Acting United States Attorney Kathleen M. Mehlretter announced today that Ozir Ozov, age 31, of 120 Meyer Road, Amherst, New York, pled guilty before District Judge William M. Skretny, to a misdemeanor Information, charging him with willfully failing to file his 2001 non-resident income tax return (1040-NR), in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7203, carrying a maximum penalty of a year in jail, a fine of \$25,000, or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Anthony M. Bruce, who handled the case, stated that the defendant, who is a Russian citizen from the city of Cherkessk in Russia, earned income while here on a student visa attending the State University of Buffalo both from employment and from various investments he made with funds provided to him by his father and sent to him from Russia.

The plea grew out of an investigation on the part of the Criminal Investigation Division of the Internal Revenue Service, under the direction of Anne Marie Coons, Special Agent in Charge.

Sentencing is tentatively scheduled for February 1, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. in front of Judge Skretny.

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